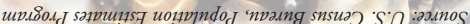


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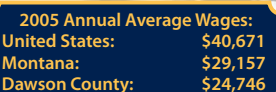


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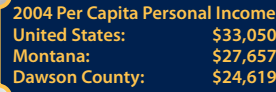
Population for Dawson County & Related Areas

(In 2005 Dollars)



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

(In 2005 Dollars)



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Regional Economic Information System

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³Montana Department of Labor and Industry, Research and Analysis Bureau, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program

in terms of employment for 2005. Other significant subsectors included Retail Trade, Accommodation & Food Service, and Educational Services.³

Lawson County is perhaps best known as the home of Miamosunkia State Park, an 11,000-acre fossillands area reknowned for its dramatic rock formations and an abundance of prehistoric fossils. Some of these fossils can be found on display at the Frontier Gateway Museum in Glendive, where visitors can also marvel at American Indian artifacts, antiquated farm machinery, and its "Merrill West" exhibit, a walk-through replica of the Glendive business district of the late 1800s.²

farmers and ranches can be found throughout the region. This area is also known for its abundance of high quality agates.⁷

Dawson County is Montana's twenty-fifth most populous county, with an estimated 8,688 residents in 2005. Glendive, the county seat, is the state's eighteenth largest city, with a population estimated at 4,670 in 2005.¹ Other cities and towns in Dawson County include Bloomfield, Lindsay, and Richey.



Demographic & Economic Information for

Dawson County



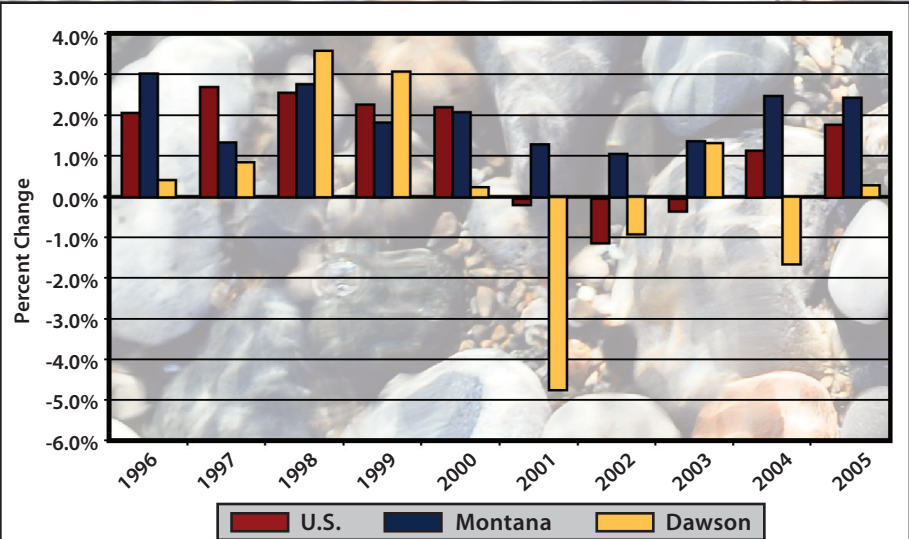
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Percent Change in Employment: 1996 to 2005
U.S., Montana, and Dawson County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Top 10 Private Employers in Dawson County
(Based on 2nd Quarter 2006 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Action for Eastern Montana	4	Kmart	4
Albertson's	5	Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative	5
Best Western Inn	4	Novo 1 (formerly Advantage Line)	5
BOSS Office and Computer Products	4	Reynolds Market	5
Glendive Medical Center	7	Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline	5
Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees			

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)
This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

Annual Average Labor Force - Dawson County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2005	4,237	4,087	150	3.5%
2004	4,305	4,138	167	3.9%
2003	4,318	4,177	141	3.3%
2002	4,339	4,189	150	3.5%
2001	4,474	4,317	157	3.5%
2000	4,767	4,577	190	4.0%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)

Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2005 - Dawson County

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	344	3324	\$24,744
TOTAL PRIVATE	306	2567	\$24,202
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	1	*	*
Crop production	1	*	*
MINING	10	60	\$52,656
Oil and gas extraction	2	*	*
Support activities for mining	8	*	*
UTILITIES	2	*	*
CONSTRUCTION	30	74	\$26,113
Construction of buildings	8	*	*
Heavy and civil engineering construction	2	*	*
Specialty trade contractors	20	55	\$22,627
MANUFACTURING	6	34	\$27,861
Food manufacturing	1	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	1	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	1	*	*
Machinery manufacturing	1	*	*
Computer and electronic product mfg	1	*	*
Miscellaneous manufacturing	1	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	20	194	\$21,293
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	6	*	*
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	13	106	\$18,236
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	1	*	*
RETAIL TRADE	54	533	\$18,390
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	10	118	\$21,110
Furniture and home furnishings stores	3	*	*
Electronics and appliance stores	4	8	\$11,912
Building material & garden supply stores	8	46	\$16,478
Food and beverage stores	7	155	\$22,307
Health and personal care stores	1	*	*
Gasoline stations	9	66	\$15,143
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	3	13	\$12,650
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	1	*	*
General merchandise stores	3	*	*
Miscellaneous store retailers	4	25	\$6,046
Nonstore retailers	2	*	*
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	14	126	\$54,115
Air transportation	1	*	*
Truck transportation	5	8	\$30,346
Transit and ground passenger transport	2	*	*

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)
* Data Not Disclosable

Agricultural Statistics - Dawson County

Farms	
Farms: (number)	522
Land in farms (acres)	1,410,885
Average size of farms (acres)	2,703
Farms by size: (number)	
Less than 1,000 acres	237
1,000 acres or more	285
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)	
Less than \$100,000	394
\$100,000 or more	128
Farms by type of organization: (number)	
Family, Individual, Partnership	420
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	102

Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested	
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)	
Cattle and calves	44,594
Hogs and pigs	1,089
Sheep and lambs	7,319
Horses and ponies	1,243
Bison	0
Chickens (layers and broilers)	(D)
Crops Harvested (acres)	
Corn for grain	1,331
Corn for silage or greenchop	1,041
Wheat for grain, All	164,040
Winter wheat for grain	5,781
Durum wheat for grain	5,001
Spring wheat for grain	153,258
Barley for grain	14,972
Oats for grain	1,089
Sunflower seed, All	0
Soybeans for beans	0
Hay, haylage, grass silage	55,890

Operator Demographics	
Primary occupation: (number)	
Farming	371
Other	151
Place of residence: (number)	
On farm operated	367
Not on farm operated	155
Years on present farm: (number)	
Less than 10 years	112
10 years or more	410
Age group: (number)	
Under 55 years	285
55 years and over	237
Average age of operators: (number)	54.7

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002
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Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Pipeline transportation	4	*	*
Couriers and messengers	2	*	*
INFORMATION	11	107	\$33,689
Publishing industries, except Internet	1	*	*
Broadcasting, except Internet	3	21	\$14,696
Telecommunications	6	*	*
Other information services	1	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	17	90	\$29,893
Credit intermediation & related activity	8	66	\$26,620
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	2	*	*
Insurance carriers & related activities	7	*	*
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	11	32	\$49,859
Real estate	10	*	*
Rental and leasing services	1	*	*
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	16	51	\$24,139
MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES	1	*	*
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	12	66	\$11,614
Administrative and support services	11	*	*
Waste management and remediation service	1	*	*
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	24	567	\$29,902
Ambulatory health care services	13	62	\$41,915
Hospitals	1	*	*
Nursing and residential care facilities	2	*	*
Social assistance	8	77	\$15,720
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	10	85	\$12,116
Performing arts and spectator sports	1	*	*
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	9	*	*
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	31	399	\$8,552
Accommodation	9	114	\$9,138
Food services and drinking places	22	284	\$8,317
OTHER SERVICES	35	106	\$15,664
Repair and maintenance	15	43	\$22,058
Personal and laundry services	6	*	*
Membership associations & organizations	13	43	\$7,707
Private households	1	*	*
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	38	757	\$26,585
Local Government	16	599	\$24,051
State Government	14	121	\$35,384
Federal Government	8	36	\$38,970

The QCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance.
(Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)